GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
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IMPOSITION OF PASSENGER TAX
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether any categories/classes have been prescribed for airports in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the amount of tax per passenger being charged by the Airport Authority of India;

(d) whether uniform tax is being charged at all the airports in the country;

(e) if so, whether uniform facilities have been provided at all the airports; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE(INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL)

(a)&(b): All operational airports in the country owned and managed by Airports Authority of India (AAI) are categorized as International, Domestic and Custom airports. AAI also manages civil enclaves at certain Defence airports.

(c): AAI does not levy any tax from passengers using these airports. However, a Passenger Service Fee (PSF) is levied on all embarking passenger @ Rs.200/- per domestic passenger, Rs.200/- per international passenger when booked in Indian currency and US$5 per international passenger when booked in foreign currency. Service Tax @ 10.2% is also being levied on the PSF since September, 2004.

(d)&(e): Yes, Sir. The passenger facilities are provided at the airports depending upon the size of the terminal building, frequency of operations, density of the passengers handled and other operational parameters. However, certain basic passenger amenities are provided at all the terminal buildings and the airports uniformly though not on the same scale.

(f): Does not arise.